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Getting dressed for dinner



Cast members, Lou Bradley and Lee Moffatt, of Garrison Little Theatre's upcoming production *Don't Dress for Dinner were busy rehearsing with director Zdenka Cole on Monday night. Performances are scheduled for Feb. 24, 25, 26 and March 2 and 3 at the Italo-Canadian Club. For ticket information phone 905-671-3520.*

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Supporting the heart

Volunteer John Dunn collects donations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation during Heart Month

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

For the last eight years, John Dunn has been canvassing for the Heart and Stroke Foundation along Oss Road.

The 75-year-old Stevensville resident decided it was time to give back to the community and to heart and stroke research when he underwent a procedure to have a stent placed inside his body.

A stent is a small mesh tube used to treat narrow or weak arteries and without it, Dunn says he probably wouldn't be alive.

When doctors put the stent inside his body, Dunn says they used a tool to insert it inside his heart.

A stent, which is a little tube made of special materials was inserted and then it inflated like a balloon inside my artery. Then it was deflated. The artery closes around the stent and it allows the blood flow through it."

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Heart and Stroke volunteer John Dunn will be out and about knocking on doors in Stevensville to collect donations for Heart Month. To volunteer for the foundation, phone 905-938-8800.

Heart problems can happen to anyone, young or old, volunteer says

From page 1

Dunn also volunteers for the Heart and Stroke for another reason—his father.

When Dunn was just 23 years-old, his father passed away from a similar heart related issue at the age of 57.

That's when Dunn says he became concerned about eating right and staying active because he learned that heart related issues often run in families and they can affect anyone at any age.



The stent in my ticker is what keeps me going.

When my dad had problems, they couldn't do anything for him. But, with research so much has changed."

—John Dunn

cedures have changed significantly.

"The stent in my ticker is what keeps me going. When my dad had problems, they couldn't do anything for him. But, with research, so much has changed."

Now that Dunn has a new lease on life, he is able to walk, exercise and do almost anything he wants to—which would have been impossible without the many hours of research into heart and stroke related issues.

Dunn says there are many ways to support to the Heart and Stroke Foundation and it doesn't have to involve money. Supporting the foundation can also mean taking the time to volunteer for upcoming fundraisers.

For now, Dunn says he'll volunteer for as long as he can for the Heart and Stroke Foundation—he'll also maintain his healthy lifestyle by eating right and walking at least three times a week for 20 minutes.

Amanda Rogers, program co-ordinator for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, says there are currently 28 canvassers in Stevensville, 17 in Fort Erie and there are many volunteers canvassing in Ridgeway or Crystal Beach.

She says there are many routes available for anyone who is interested in collecting donations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

"We need as many volunteers as we can get. There are still lots of routes left in Fort Erie that need to be covered."

There is also another event scheduled on May 21—the Heart and Stroke Big Bike event set for May 21 on Garrison Road.

For more information about the Heart and Stroke Foundation and how to get involved, contact Rogers at 905-938-8800.

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Councillor will continue to bring Kinsmen pool to discussion table

Vice-chair of
fundraising
committee
expresses
disappointment
pool will not reopen
this summer.

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

When tourists come to visit the Town of Fort Erie, they might ask why there is no public swimming pool, Joyce Lea told councillors during Monday's council meeting.

The vice-chair of the

Kinsmen Pool Fundraising Committee made a formal presentation on behalf of the committee, to express her disappointment in council's decision not to include a strategy plan for a new pool in the 2012 budget.

The committee was dedicated to raising \$1 million through grants and corporate sponsors.

Lea told councillors the fundraising committee could not continue fundraising for the pool because no one in the community would give donations without the support of the Town.

In addition to raising \$1 million in funds, the committee hoped the Town

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— Joyce Lea

would give \$325,000 to kick start a fundraising strategy for the pool next year.

The Town would give this amount each year for the next five years, said Lea.

The fundraising committee did everything they were asked to do—the committee provided petitions to show community support for a new pool, raised money for the pool, and helped fund a feasibility study which was provided to councillors, Lea said.

"We always hear how important the children are, how children are an asset but nothing is being done to construct a new pool for

them to use."

Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero, who also sits on the fundraising committee, told The Times he would make sure council will revisit the issue of the Kinsmen pool next year.

"It will be the first motion I make as part of the budget for 2013."

The pool will remain closed this summer, but there have been no discussion about what will happen to the facilities and whether or not they will be boarded up, Passero added.

The councillor said not everyone will be happy with the choices council will make when it comes to bud-

get time, but council must make these types of decisions.

"Councillors felt certain projects were more important at this time. Four councillors voted no to the pool and three councillors voted in favour."

The next step for people who support the construction of a new pool should express their support to the fundraising committee when the issue returns during next year's budget talks, Passero said.

"At this time, the fundraising committee is unable to continue without Town support. Once again, we appreciate all of their support."

Helping paws give aid to SPCA



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Last Saturday, Tech Services Niagara held a fundraiser for the Fort Erie SPCA and despite some nasty winter weather, the event was successful raising more than \$400 with a BBQ and raffle. A group of vendors sold pet products, baked goods and other items. For \$10, Tech services Niagara created USB memory cards with photos of family pets. To get your USB memory card send your photo to info@vacavac.ca or phone 289-479-5420. Proceeds to be donated to SPCA.

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Valentine's Day treats benefit snack program

Our Lady of Victory raises more than \$400 to provide nutritious snacks to students.

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

To the Grade 1 students at Our Lady of Victory (OLV), the cookie grams that were given out on Tuesday afternoon were delicious treats.

The cookie grams were used to wish students a happy Valentine's Day, but they did so much more.

For just \$1, students purchased cookie grams for their friends and teach-

ers to enjoy and all of the proceeds went to a very important program at the school—the snack program, says Lisa Barker, a teacher at OLV.

Each morning, healthy snacks consisting of cereal, granola bars and fruit are delivered to classroom so every student enjoys a snack.

About 500 snacks go out to all of the students before 9:30 a.m.

Barker says she couldn't do it without the help of a group of helpful students.

Every day, a group of Grade 7 and Grade 4 students help Barker by separating snacks into healthy portions. Then, students help distribute the snacks to classrooms.

More than 400 cookie grams were sold to benefit the program to help cover its costs.

The snack program is



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Grade 7 students Chloe Wright and Anne Marie Johnstohn Vaccaro stopped by Angela Willick's Grade 1 class on Tuesday morning to deliver cookie grams for Valentine's Day. The girls distributed more than 400 cookie grams to students at Our Lady of Victory School to support the school's snack program.

very expensive. It costs between \$9,000 to \$12,000 a year and that's what it is important the school holds a fundraiser during the year to keep it going, says Barker.

"I spend \$400 a week just for fruit alone,"

The teacher began the snack program in 2010 to make sure every child has access to nutritious snacks.

There was a snack program in place before Barker began the current program, but it wasn't getting the job done, says Barker.

"It was a good program but it wasn't consistent enough."

It's a reality that not every student has lunch money to spend every day and there is a strong need for the snack program within the school, says Barker.

In addition to providing snacks to every classroom, students also have access to a table filled with snacks they can access through-

out the day by visiting the teacher in the snack room.

"I have ten children that come every single day for snacks and I feed at least 20 lunches a month. Providing these lunches are not part of the program."

Despite the large expense of the program, Barker says it is a worthwhile to have it at the school because of the benefits to the students.

Teachers have said students are able to concentrate better, they are less grumbly and there are less grumbly tummies in the classroom."

For more information about the snack program, or to make a donation, Barker can be contacted at 905-871-3092.

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our editorial

Support Alivia's Rainbows and help families battling cancer

It's a reality that cancer touches the lives of many people.

Chances are you may know someone who has cancer, or someone you love has had it.

When little Alivia was just three years-old, her parents, Craig and Chantal Vanderkley, took her to the hospital and she was eventually diagnosed with stage four neuroblastoma cancer.

Alivia underwent three major surgeries, seven cycles of chemotherapy, 60 radiation treatments and countless needles, scans, and blood tests.

The young child eventually passed away in 2010 after a long and difficult struggle.

But, Alivia's parents took the negative experience of losing their child and did something positive—they started a charity in her honour to help other families with children battling cancer.

Alivia's Rainbows is a non-profit organization and 100 per cent of the funds that are raised through events go toward supporting families dealing with pediatric cancer patients in Niagara.

The organization helps families cover the costs of daily trips to specialized hospitals in Hamilton, daily parking fees, food, and loss of income.

The charity also buys toys and books for kids in the pediatric oncology ward at McMaster University Children's Hospital.

Alivia's Rainbows is holding its second annual Toonie Raffle and Silent Auction on Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Fort Erie Leisureplex Banquet Hall.

Last year, the event raised more than \$16,000 which was given to five families in the Niagara region to help offset their financial burdens.

The event features a toonie game for a chance to win prizes. There will also be a silent auction, a cash bar, food and live music featuring Aurora June.

Tickets are \$15 each and doors open at 5 p.m.

For more information about the event, contact the Vanderkleyes by e-mail at vtd1657@yahoo.com.

Cancer can affect anyone at any age—it doesn't matter how old a person is.

Alivia's Rainbows, and other charities like it, are an important part of the community that should be supported.

Next weekend, why not grab your friends, or family members and have a nice night out with some live music while supporting a cause that is worth while?



Do You Remember?

It is so nice to hear from families who recognize their relatives in our Do You Remember feature.

They always comment on the memories that come flooding back to them when they see their photos.

Nicole Mary Burgio and her daughter Mary Ann Cottone told us about this event which was held at Our

Lady of Victory Hall when Giuseppe and Gerlanda Cutaria celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by getting married again, complete with best man, bridesmaids, a maid of honour and the cake pictured in the photo.

They were married in Italy in 1931 and remarried in Fort Erie in 1981.

Thanks as well to great niece Grace Wybranial and family member Laura Cottone for contacting us about the photo.

This week's photo shows a couple dancing. Do you know who she is or why this photo was taken for the paper?

Please call the Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@foterietimes.ca.

Do your research on leaded gas, fuel still used in racing cars says reader

Dear Editor,

While I have no desire to be drawn into an argument in the pages of the Times, I cannot let the misguided letter in your issue of Jan. 21 go unanswered.

Your correspondent Lesley North, after agreeing with the health risk posed by lead, takes issue with my letter of

Jan. 14, claiming that "race cars have not used leaded fuel since 2008". This claim is simply untrue.

I quote from an article in *environews* com dated November 1, 2011. "Despite the health risk, Environment Canada extended the exemption for racing vehicles to January 2010, and then removed the expiry date entirely."

So, leaded gas is still

being used in racing cars and trucks in Canada, with no end in sight.

People who live near races are usually disturbed about the impact of the noise on their health; do they even know about the lead threat?

This information can easily be confirmed by visiting the Environment Canada website and looking at the current regulations as modified

on Nov. 17, 2011.

As Lesley North says, "anyone with a computer at their disposal can look up this information".

It is however that Lesley North neglected to do so.

To label my facts as "false or outdated information" "being used as a scare tactic" is completely misleading.

After North apologizing to the developers perhaps he or she will

will consider apologizing to your readers.

The stated purpose of the leaded gas exemption was to preserve economic activity at existing race tracks.

It was not intended to encourage new lead emissions.

While there may be an argument to be made in extending the use of leaded fuel at existing race tracks, welcoming a new high-polluting facil-

ity into a residential area seems to me to be the height of foolishness.

I created a proven and unnecessary hazard for children and adults in exchange for the dubious promise of what Lesley North characterizes as a few "mostly part time summer jobs".

Bill Trench

opinion page

Committee disappointed with decision to close Kinsman pool

Dear Editor,

The Kinsmen Pool Committee put their fund-raising on hold for this year because without town support, the committee can't move forward.

We asked for it to be included in the 2013 budget, however council voted no.

Fort Erie is one of the select few municipalities in Niagara-on-the-Lake and Thorold already know – public pools are a necessity, and they have both built new ones in the past few years.

The pool will be closed this year and forever without the support of this council.

I want to speak about the committee's disappointment in Town council's decision to not commence a funding strategy for the replacement of the Kinsmen Pool.

This swimming facility would have given our youth, who would be one of the main beneficiaries of this pool the experience of an affordable activity for those who could not afford other activities such as hockey.

They would have had a life guard for their safety, a place to learn to swim plus water safety lessons that can't be learned by swimming in the river, or beach—that is if you can find a beach that is not contaminated for part of the summer.

Our committee was charged with the responsibility of demonstrating community support and demand for the pool. We didn't come before council and tell them it was there, we demonstrated it.

We took \$10,000 from our fundraised dollars and along with \$35,000 the previous council authorized, a study was done that analyzed the facts of pool usage, demand, and support for a new facility.

That study showed that the demand exists for a new pool.

It demonstrated what other municipalities like Niagara-on-the-Lake and Thorold already know – public pools are a necessity, and they have both built new ones in the past few years.

One of the heavily debated items of last year was the \$372,000 reserve funds plus 400,000 from the sale of the light house keepers dwelling to refurbish the light house.

I don't see to recall the outpouring of support for the lighthouse. A survey was done a few years ago and residents deemed the lighthouse to be the least of their concerns.

The lighthouse committee raised \$200 toward their project. Our committee raised close to \$20,000.

They got close to \$400,000 of tax payers' money when council chose to raid the facilities reserve fund to find the money to pay for the lighthouse restoration.

The difference with the money council spent on the lighthouse is they broke their promise to replace it.

I know because I was here for many of the lighthouse discussions. I supported the lighthouse decision.

I'm not trying to pit one

project vs the other, I'm looking for consistency.

Had council followed through on their promise to replace the money, it would have created the tax room necessary over the next five years to replace the pool combined with the million dollars that Councillor Passero and the committee pledged to raise.

We would have done it. The only people who don't seem to understand the passion and desire to see this pool replaced are some of the councilors.

It's sad our fund raising will be put on hold for this year as we are unable to apply for grants or corporate sponsors without the Town endorsing a fundraising strategy for the municipal contribution first.

On behalf of the committee – we would like to offer a sincere thank you and heartfelt gratitude to everyone that helped out in any way with our fundraising activities, and to the majority of residents who support our desire to see a pool built.

I am hoping that a year from now council will make a swimming pool a budget priority.

The TIMES Asks



Kelly Kendrick



Debbie Woehl



Mary Meagher



Larry Graber

"I'm going to see a movie at the Boutique Movie Theatre in Ridgeway."

"I'm holding a fundraiser for the Ridgeway Rangers."

"I'm just going to visit family."

"I'm going to Niagara to spend time with family I don't see very often."

What do you think?

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Thankful for excellent customer service, says reader

To our hometown Zellers staff,

It's not the biggest store and it doesn't usually have all of the advertised sales, but it's our store.

With the size of the store and how they rate each store is determined what goes where and how much. I would say we were not rated an A, but it's our Zellers.

With the word out now, our stores will be closing by December 2012 and I for one will miss it.

If anyone knows me, they know I love to shop, and yes, sometimes I have had

to travel to other stores to get some of those sales. But, these other stores do not have the staff that our Zellers has.

I have been where they are. I have been told the company I was working for is closing or being relocated.

Soon-to-be left without their jobs, the staff at Zellers continues to smile and serve every customer.

I personally thank you and commend the staff because I know how hard it is.

A lot of the faces we have seen over the past five, 10

and even 15 years, the laughter and the friends that have been made, will be missed.

A lot of community events have benefited from our hometown Zellers.

To the staff, I hope you keep smiling and laughing as I continue to shop until you close. I hope you all find a job with a company who knows how special you are.

With love, from a happy customer.

Kelly Kendrick

Joyce Lea
Kinsmen Pool Fundraising Committee

Annual Meeting 2011

Fort Erie Community Credit Union Limited cordially invites you to attend our Annual General Meeting to be held Tuesday, March 20th 2012. Meeting commences at 7:00 PM at Bridgewater Golf & Country Club.

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Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) 871-1600, Extension 2216 (Geoff Stephenson) or Extension 2215 (Matt Richardson).

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(4) COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Town of Fort Erie is seeking individuals interested in serving the community by standing for appointment to boards and committees where vacancies currently exist. *(Please see By-laws establishing each of the boards at the Town's website www.forterie.on.ca under Town Hall "C" for "Committees".)*

Expressions of interest for consideration of appointment to the below noted boards and committees are invited from residents/business owners. Applications must be completed on the form available on the Town's website www.forterie.on.ca under Public Notices – Board and Committee Vacancies, or from the Clerk's Office and will be received by the undersigned **up to and including Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.**

(1) **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – One (1) citizen vacancy – Eight (8) citizen appointees, majority with disabilities and one (1) Member of Council. **Purpose:** To prepare an Accessibility Plan for all municipal properties, facilities and services as regulations prescribe for Council approval.

(2) **BRIDGEBURG STATION DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT** – One (1) director vacancy. Pursuant to Section 10 of By-law No. 183-07, if a Board vacancy occurs for any cause, a person may be appointed by Council to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term. **Purpose:** To improve, beautify and maintain municipally-owned lands, buildings and structures in the Bridgeburg Station Downtown B.I.A.; promote the area as a business or shopping area and maintain streetscape capital.

(3) **COMMUNITIES-IN-BLOOM COMMITTEE** – Five (5) citizen appointee vacancies **Purpose:** To implement various programs, initiatives, events, promotional and education activities that encourage community participation in the program.

(4) **FORT ERIE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Two (2) citizen appointed vacancies and One (1) student from a secondary institution vacancy. **Purpose:** To provide a committee for residents, elected officials and health professionals to meet on a monthly basis for the purpose of improving conditions for people-powered transportation (walking, biking, rollerblading) for utilitarian and recreational purposes.

(5) **MUSEUM AND CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE / RAILROAD MUSEUM AND HERITAGE BUILDING DESIGNATION** – Three (3) citizen appointee vacancies. **Purpose:** This committee is comprised of two sub-committees as follows: (1) Museum Services and (2) Built Heritage. Members are needed with specific interest in the Fort Erie Railroad Museum and the 6218 steam engine; and interest in designating heritage homes, buildings and sites and advising on the Point Abino Lighthouse. Sub-committees meet approximately once a month. Current projects include developing an inventory of heritage homes, raising community awareness regarding the 6218 repair project, and maintaining existing cultural heritage services.

(6) **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Two (2) appointee vacancies from community at large (age 50 & over). **Purpose:** To establish a mechanism to fairly and equitably distribute financial assistance provided by the Town of Fort Erie for planning and hosting social events and to determine the need for increased senior citizen services.

This information is being collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to select persons for appointments to Town of Fort Erie boards and committees.

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Town staff to review billboard bylaw

Ward 6 Coun. Paul Collard put fourth a motion for Town staff to include provision for digital signs in bylaw.

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

Electronic billboards may or may not light up the night sky after the Town's bylaw for billboards will undergo a review.

During last week's council-in-committee meeting, the issue of allowing a property owner to use a digital sign was debated for almost three hours.

After listening to a request from an owner of a property on Queen Street for an amendment to allow a digital sign to be used to catch the interest of motorists crossing

back into Canada over the Peace Bridge, councillors voted against it.

They were concerned the digital sign would cause distractions for passing motorists.

Ward 6 Coun. Paul Collard put a motion forward during Monday's council meeting, asking Town staff to review the bylaw to provide options for dealing with digital signs.

There is currently a digital billboard within 200 meters of the Queen Street owner's property, which sits on a property owned by the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority.

The by-law for billboards was written in 1999 and its intent was to avoid congestion of advertising signage in areas in Fort Erie with a high volume of traffic.

Collard said the bylaw for signs is out-of-date because it does not include provisions for digital signs and it deserves to be reviewed.

The councillor also

asked that the staff report include a list of existing billboards along Garrison Road.

Ward 2 Coun. Richard Shular said he supported Collard's request but he wanted to know when the staff report would be brought to council.

He said he was concerned this report might "kick the frog" other important issues that the council needs to address first. "We don't have the meat and potatoes to compare to, but I want to elaborate on how long this review will take. We need to keep expectations realistic."

Councillors voted in favour of reviewing the bylaw for signage and to include provisions for digital signs.

Town staff will complete the report by the end of 2012 and bring it before council for more information.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Surrounded by canned goods are Courtney Connor, a teacher at Our Lady of Victory, and students Isabella Gray, Laurny Cameron, Tyson Jamieson and Lukas Cricenti, with fellow teacher Betty Riley. The students in the full-day Early Learning Kindergarten Program celebrated their first 100 days of school last Thursday by collecting 100 canned goods for Community Outreach Program Erie on Tuesday.

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- ▶ First Nation Allies

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The Bicentennial Committee will assist with providing historical information and is able to offer limited financial aid where requested. For further information please contact Michael Blair - Float & Display Coordinator at 289-303-7647 after 3pm or mikblair159@gmail.com

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Two local singers set to play Roselawn Centre

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

Get ready for a rockin' performance at the Roselawn Centre in Port Colborne, featuring two of Fort Erie's own—Mary Lou Fitzgerald and Brittany Hebbourn.

The two singers will give music lovers a little taste of



Mary Lou Fitzgerald

country as part of the Grant Carson Band 25th Anniversary Concert and Salute to the Grand Ole Opry.

Mary Lou Fitzgerald, 49, is part of the Peace River Band and a teacher at Port Erie Elementary School.

She is considered to be one of Canada's best female bluegrass and country sing-

er. Fitzgerald says she always had a knack for singing, even when she was little.

"I began singing when I was young. It's something my parents and my older brother did. I remember a lot of singing and laughter in my family."

It wasn't until Grade 5 that Fitzgerald realized she could carry a tune well.

"My teacher really nurtured me and I owe it all to her."

Fitzgerald attended a performing arts school in the US where she devel-



Brittany Hebbourn

oped her vocal skills.

Fitzgerald later relocated to Ontario and she began teaching in Fort Erie.

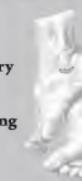
The singer says her band will play a collection of country, gospel and cover songs to get the crowd excited.

Brittany Hebbourn, at just 19, is an up-and-com-

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Lynn Frayle, Mallory Whyte, past president Sue Briscoe, two month-old Reilly Sider and her grandmother Janette Berout with Samantha MacLean attended the Bowen Road Women's Institute annual Valentine's Day luncheon last Saturday at Peoples Memorial United Church in Ridgeway.

ing country and pop singer who got her start in music at the age of seven, when she began singing in an adult choir.

During her childhood, Hebbourn has taken years of vocal lessons.

She attended a year of

university but she decided she wanted to pursue a career in music and she plays frequent gigs at Taps in Niagara Falls.

"I just really enjoy doing it. It's almost like a high being on stage in front of an audience."

Hebbourn says her main influences are Elton John and Billy Joel—but she enjoys borrowing from many different genres for her song writing.

Both Hebbourn and Fitzgerald encourage everyone to attend the show at the Roselawn Centre.

Country music is "real music," because it's about every-day things that happen to people, says Hebbourn.

"Yes, country music talks about your dog dying and

your wife leaving you. That's what it's about. But, that's what life is about. It's real and there's certainly more to it than that."

Fitzgerald says the show will feature songs by famous artists such as Dolly Parton and Johnny Cash.

"It's the perfect place for people to get their feet wet if they're not sure if they like country music."

The show is set for March 3 at 8 p.m.

The concert features other performers such as Nashville recording artist Debbie Bayshaw, Johnny Cash performer Marty Allen, Angela Sirius and the legendary Grant Carson and Allen.

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Since its beginnings, this event has taken on a whole new dimension, as

much in developed countries as in the developing world. The feminist movement has had an enormous influence in turning this day of celebration into a rallying point for the fight for every woman's right to participate in the political and economic processes. This day is also the ideal moment for local and international women's advocacy groups to lobby for positive change and to celebrate the courage and determination of ordinary women to thrive as individuals and support their families in a multitude of ways.

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Chamber of Commerce hosts International Women's Day luncheon

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

On March 9 women across the world will be celebrated. Here in Fort Erie, the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce, along with Niagara Falls Small Business

Enterprise Centre will celebrate International Women's Day with their 7th annual networking luncheon.

International Women's Day celebrated its 100th anniversary last year and the Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to offer women an opportunity to get together with like-minded women to network and to meet new people.

This signature event regularly attracts a crowd of 160 women from across the region who come together to network, shop, enjoy a delicious luncheon of pan-seared salmon and to hear a guest speaker, says Karen Audet, operations manager.

"We like to pair a guest speaker who can share a unique perspective on their life. We look for someone who is from Fort Erie and born in Fort Erie.

This year's keynote speaker is Joanne Brown, chief of international traffic at the Peace Bridge, who will inspire and delight attendees with anecdotes of her personal and professional experiences within the enforcement community, says Audet.

Brown joined the ranks of Canada Customs and Excise in May 1983 in the Summer Student Employment Program and she was assigned to the Rainbow Bridge in Niagara Falls.

Brown went on to work in a full-time position at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie and she served various roles.

As her career progressed, Brown was appointed as the chief of traveller operations at the Peace Bridge in 1999 and she continues to serve this role.

Brown is an accomplished career woman working in an



Joanne Brown

industry typically dominated by men, says Audet.

"We're really excited about having Joanne speak. She is animated and enthusiastic when she speaks and she will be able to share her experiences."

Audet adds the afternoon features prizes and 10 local vendors selling everything from clothing, chocolate, purses, jewelry and health and beauty products.

The luncheon is perfect from working professionals to stay-at-home moms and seniors wanting to get out of the house and meet new people while celebrating the contributions many women have made in history, says Audet.

The operations manager encourages everyone who is interested to get their tickets as soon as possible.

"We're not the best-kept secret anymore with more than half of our tickets already sold."

The celebration is set for March 9 from 11:30 am to 3 pm at the Bridgewater Country Club.

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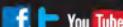
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St. George student buzzing with talent

Marais Walpole is headed to Toronto today to compete in national spelling bee.

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

Learning how to spell is an important part of education that can be difficult for most adults.

For Marais Walpole, correctly spelling a word is as easy as tying her shoelaces.

The Grade 8 student at St. George Elementary School recently represented her school in the Niagara Catholic District School Board's spelling bee and she secured second place.

Walpole is one out of 50 other students from 48 schools who competed in the school board's spelling bee.

Her second-place title at the board's spelling bee, and an online spelling bee qualified Walpole to compete in the Canspell 2012 National Spelling Bee in Toronto this Saturday, says Steven Ward, principal.

Ward says it is proud to have Walpole represent St. George in the national competition because she is able to out-spell most adults.

He describes Walpole as intelligent, kind, and an excellent student.

"Walpole is a stellar Grade 8 student representing the best of Catholic education."

The principal says students like Walpole who compete in spelling bees are usually given a list of words to study, but as the competition goes on, there is no telling what a competitor might be asked to spell.

"Marais won second place in the school board's competition by spelling the word stalagmite which means a calcium growth in

a cage."

Walpole also competed in the national spelling bee last year, but she lost the competition in the third round.

Now, the teenager says she is looking forward to the opportunity to compete for a second time.

No matter what the outcome is, Walpole says she will be satisfied with the results because competing is something she likes to do for fun.

"I started competing because it's just something I thought I should try. Spelling just comes to me easily."

Walpole says she is "excited but nervous" about the competition.

If she doesn't know how to spell a word, Walpole takes her time and a deep breath.

"When you're standing up there on the stage you have to follow your instincts and you have to think about how that word is spelled."

Sometimes if she doesn't know how to spell the word, giving the definition of the word and it's origin help Walpole to figure out the correct spelling.

"There are lots of hints and tricks and sometimes just knowing if the word is French, Latin, or Arabic can help."

Proud mom, Kate Gardiner, says her daughter has always had a passion for words and she is an avid reader who enjoys reading many different genres.

"Marais always loved to read growing up. Even before she could read, Marais would be picking up books and just holding them."

Gardiner says takes after her great-grandfather who also had a natural talent with words.

"Everyone in our family is better at subjects like science, but Marais likes her words. She is good with words. We like to laugh about it, but Marais' great-grandfather used to correct the dictionary."



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Marais Walpole, a Grade 8 student at St. George Elementary School in Crystal Beach, is representing her school at the Canspell 2012 National Spelling Bee in Toronto. She won second place in the Niagara District School Board's annual spelling bee and was chosen to compete in Toronto.



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Last Saturday, Choice Independent Dental offered the Gift from the Heart Initiative where residents in need were able to receive free oral care for the day. Worry-free, Dalton Dopping put on his shades and relaxed as dental hygienist Nancy Pierce cleaned his teeth.

Concerts set to rock stage Sanctuary Centre for the Arts

This Saturday, get ready to rock with The Balconies, with special guest, the Beth Moore Band, at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

The Balconies are Jacque Neville on guitar with her brother Stephen Neville on bass and Liam Jaeger on drums peppered in the band's sound with rhythm.

The band is known for its infectious pop hooks mixed with classical sensibility to create an explosive rock and roll sound.

The band has been cited as the band to watch in 2010 by the National Post and they

are currently working in the studio, recording with producer Jon Drew who has also worked with Tokyo Police Club and Alexisonfire.

Doors open at 8 p.m. and the show starts at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and they can be purchased at the Sanctuary, or the Revival Salon, In Ridgeway.

Then get ready for Ubiquitous Synergy Seeker, better known as U.S.S., with The Lucky Ones on March 3.

Vocalist Ash Boo-Schultz and Human Kebab on the turn tables have from Markham and Stouffville, On.

Their sound is difficult to describe but it's a mixture of dance and folk sounds that are sure to inspire everyone who listens to jive on the dance floor.

The band has completed three successful western tour and they have played with other bands such as Linkin Park and the Stone Temple Pilots.

Doors open at 8 p.m. and the show starts at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

For more information about both shows phone 289-321-0502 or email the.sanctuaryarts@gmail.com for more information.

Actors needed for upcoming production of *Vagina Monologues*

The Ridgeway Vagina Monologues is holding open auditions for its upcoming performances.

Actors are welcome to try out for the show on Feb. 29.

Auditions begin at 7 p.m. at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts in Ridgeway.

Performers are asked to come prepared with a short monologue of their choice.

To book an alternate audition or to find out more information about the production, contact director Deanna Spencer Walker at the Revival Salon at 905-894-3040.

Jarvis Street Pharma will be restructured to stay viable, save jobs

Pharmaceutical company files for bankruptcy protection.

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

In an attempt to save
Jarvis Street Pharma

(JSP), the plant filed a notice of intention on last week to restructure under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act.

In October, a task force was formed to assess the state of the struggling plant and to look at possible solutions to keep the plant open.

The task force consisted of members from the plant, the Town, the Fort Erie Economic

Development and Tourism Corporation, and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

The task force commission Deloitte, a business consultant agency, which suggested a number of options such as shutting down the business and selling its assets. But, the task force decided to reject that option and it favoured a

restructuring of the company.

Ephebriam Kandelshain, president of JSP, said the restructuring means the company will formulate a plan to maintain as many jobs as possible to make it more viable and attractive for a potential buyer.

There are more than 200 people currently employed at the plant in Fort Erie. It is not certain

yet how many jobs will be saved by the restructuring, but the company is maintaining a positive attitude, he said.

"We are trying our best to secure as many jobs—hopefully the process will work."

Kenneth Kraft, a lawyer representing JSP, said the restructuring of the company could take up to six months, but he expects it to be finished

within three to four months.

The plant, which produces pharmaceutical products, was originally part of a larger company that was sold to a buyer who did not want to retain the Fort Erie operation. Instead of abandoning Fort Erie's plant, the business was given a name change and it has continued to operate on its own.

Contest challenges youth to create an idea to win education savings plan

Meridian Credit Union hosts contest in honour of the United Nations.

The United Nations have declared 2012 as the International Year of the Co-operatives.

To kick off the celebrations, students have the chance to win a \$5,000 registered education savings plan (RESP).

The Meridian Credit Union has launched the contest, which is open to students ages 14 to 17, to encourage youth to pitch their own ideas for Ontario's Next Great Co-operative. To learn about the co-operative business model. In order to win the prize,

students have to submit their own ideas in a creative three-to-five minute video submission.

From housing co-ops, credit unions, and food co-ops, co-operative enterprises can be found in just about every sector of the economy across Canada.

Co-operatives and credit unions have been providing Canadians with products and services for more

than 100 years.

Participants must research what co-operatives are and present their own idea of what a co-operative should be and how it should work within the community.

All submissions will be reviewed by a judging panel of staff from Meridian and the Ontario Co-operative Association. Along with winning the RESP, the grand prize win-

ner will also spend a week at the Co-operative Young Leaders Camp.

The week-long summer camp brings young people together from across Ontario to learn about and practice communications and leadership through co-operative activities.

A second and third-place winner will also be selected and each winner will receive a \$500 RESP from the Meridian Credit

Union and entrance to the Co-operative Young Leaders Camp.

The deadline for submissions is April 30.

Anyone who is interested in participating is also encouraged to speak to a representative at a local Meridian Credit Union branch about the contest.

For more information about the contest, visit www.meridiancu.ca/co-op.

Chamber of Commerce offering bursaries to students

The Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce proving an excellent opportunity for students.

The chamber of commerce is once again offering bursaries to local Grade 12 students who plan on attending college or university or next September.

There are four bursary awards of \$500 each up for grabs.

Students who are interested in the bursaries are asked to fill out an application and submit documentation to prove their financial need.

Students must reside in Fort Erie and attend a high school within the Niagara region in order to qualify.

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All information that is collected in the application process will be kept confidential and it will only be reviewed by the bursary selection committee.

Application forms can

be picked up at the Chamber office at 660 Garrison Road.

Applications can also be downloaded online at www.forteriechamber.com.

The deadline for submitting the application is April 13.

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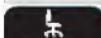
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Dated the 1st day of February, 2012.

Theresa Anna Lever and
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Deaths



NEWELL, Emma Evelyn - At the F.J. Davie Nursing Home, Sault Ste. Marie on Friday February 17th 2012 in her 97th year, peacefully with family by her side. Emma Newell (1915-2012), loving mother of Douglas (Manuela) Newell, Rick (Lynda) Newell, Sherril (Rick) Lortie, Kent and Keith Newell. Loved grandmother, Scott, Chris (Valli) Jett, Steven (Linda) Jett, Michael (Sarah) Jett, Sarah (Mark) Jonathan (Lina), Andrew (Ashley), Jason (Christine), Bryce (Kathryn), Lilly (Bruce), Jeremy (Kim), Ryan (Emma), sixteen great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren. Emma was the wife of James (Lillian) Barbour. Mired (John) Smith, Dorothy Snyder and sister-in-law of Walter Stanley. Evelyn was an active member of St. Paul's Anglican Church and the Douglas Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. The family would like to thank the staff of HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME, 21 Wintertime Street, Fort Erie on Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 32 Loyola Place, Fort Erie or Thursday 2-4 p.m. at the hospital. Burial will be at 1:00 p.m. at the Reverend Mark Gladding officiating at McAffee Cemetery, Fort Erie. If so desired donations to St. Paul's Anglican Church or the Douglas Memorial Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. **On-line condolences** hammond-davidsonfuneralhome.com

Deaths

TRAVES, Mary Evelyn (Spencer) - Evelyn passed away peacefully at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Thursday February 16th 2012. Predeceased by her son (1938-1963). Precious wife of the late Gordon (1918-1995). Proud mother of her son Richard in 1963. Cherished mother of Ken (Lynda) Traves, Sherry (John) Clark and James Traves. Proud Grandma of Brett (Sarah) Traves, Tara (Travis) (Rein) Duchesne, Andrew (Christina) (Maura Petersen), Owen Clark (Laura Sather) and great grandmothers to Gweneth (Clark) and Mala Traves. Dear sister of Barbara Eley. Predeceased by her sisters Margaret, Pearl (John) and Joyce (John). Member and long time member of Central Ave United Church. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Friends are invited to call on Saturday, February 18th 2012 from 10 a.m. until time of service at 12 noon in the Benner Funeral Chapel, Inglewood to follow. In lieu of flowers please donate to the charity of your choice. A special thank you to Moons on Wheels and Canadian Tire. Please remember her in your thoughts for years to come. A special thank you to the Palliative Care Nursing staff at Douglas Memorial Hospital for all their care.

Deaths



SCIHLI, "Jay" Norman John - At Williamsville Suburban Nursing Home, Amherst New York on Thursday, February 16, 2012. John was 80 years old. Son of the late Edward H. and Mary Agnes (Discolt) Scihl of Fort Erie. Norm was born March 29th 1931 in Brantford. He grew up in the Fort Erie area working in his grandfather's general store on Main Street, Fort Erie. He graduated from Fort Erie High School and attended St. Jerome's College in Kitchener. He worked as a fabricator and mechanic at Fleet Industries and Twin Coasters, eventually forming his own company for fabrication and repairing of boats for his own company, Fort Erie Boat Sales. After retiring from his own company, he was an advocate of motor racing and raced Sportsman Division cars and motorcycles at Southern Ontario and Buffalo's old Civic Stadium. In 1959 he started racing nationally in NASCAR's new stock car convertible division. His #3 red and white 1958 Ford Convertible finished in the top 3 of all drivers despite racing as an independent despite Detroit's ban on stock car racing.

After retiring from NASCAR racing he remained in the Buffalo area and drove trucks and heavy equipment on the Niagara Project. His last employer was Dallas Marine and he was a long time member of the Truck Drivers Association of America. A man of many skills and interest, he was a golfer pro in Hamilton, an avid tennis player and bicycle rider. He played on numerous local racquet teams for over 40 years including the Fort Erie Club. He enjoyed tennis and playing for them on multiple trips to compete in Europe. A gifted skier, he was a National Ski Patrolman and traveled dozens of times to compete in the U.S. and Canada on ski trips. He was a 50 year member of the Lederhosen Ski Club. He was also a water sports enthusiast, water skiing and owning his own ski boat. In later years after white water rafting became popular in the Niagara area he began rafting on the Niagara River and the switched to sailing and owned his own 30 ft. sailboat for over 20 years and was a long time active member of the Buffalo Harbour Sailing Club and the Canadian Sailing Club. Mr. Scihl was also a 50 year member of the Fort Erie Knights of Columbus Council 3320. Visitation at the Dangler and Roberts Funeral Home, 3000 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore New York on Tuesday 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday 9:45 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church, Fort Erie on Thursday February 23rd at 11:00 a.m. The Rite of Committal at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Fort Erie. A donation to the Niagara Falls Minor Hockey Association may be arranged through The HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME, 21 Wintleme Street, Fort Erie. On-line condolences hammond-davidsonfuneralhome.com

Deaths

SLUTE, Marie Eileen - Marie passed away at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Sunday, February 12th, 2012 in her 64th year. She will be sadly missed by her husband Maurice Gambleton, Proud mother of Heather Slute, Patricia Slute, Karen Hawkins, loving grandmother of Jenn Slute, Emerie Slute, Jessica Hawkins. Marie was excited about the upcoming birth of her first great grandchild Wynter. Cherished sister of Sidney Johnson, Pauline Woodcock, Rena (Randy) Rogerson and Ricky Johnson. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family. Predeceased by her parents and 4 sisters. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1005 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. A service to celebrate Marie's life will be held at 11 am on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at the Fort Erie Funeral Chapel. Interment of her cremated remains took place in McAlpine Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions to the Fort Erie S.P.C.A.



SUGGETT, Olive - Passed away at the Port Colborne Hospital on Thursday February 16th, 2012 in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late Thomas Suggett (1910-2001). Cherished mother of Wayne (of Ridgeview) and Stephen (of Hamilton). Devoted grandmother of Melissa (Derek) Pucharski, Rebecca (Karl) Boukamp and Christopher (Shannon) Laroque. She will be fondly remembered by her six grandchildren. Private family arrangements have been entrusted to **THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**. If desired online condolences and donations to the Fort Erie S.P.C.A. may be made through www.williamsfuneralhome.ca, in memory of Olive.

"Her soul shall fill our hearts forever more".

THACKER, Harry George - On Sunday February 12, 2012, Harry passed away peacefully one day after his 91st birthday at the Douglas Memorial Hospital. Harry will be sadly missed by family and friends. He was a trucking and forest owner. He started his own business over 60 years ago and last 30 years at the Fort Erie Race Track. Private family arrangements entrusted to **THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**. If so desired, donations to memory can be made to a charity of one's choice. Guests are invited to share condolences to the family or fond memories of Harry at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

In memoriam

CURTIS

In memory of our dear friend Brian who passed away February 20th, 2006. Missing you, John & Tam.

In memoriam



Julia Innes (Piorkowski)

In loving memory of a dear sister who passed away one year ago on February 23, 2011.

We knew little that morning,

God was going to call your name,

In life we never eat dearly,

In death we do not grieve,

It broke our hearts to lose you,

You did not go alone,

For part of us went with you,

The day God called you home,

You left us peaceful memories,

And though your soul is now gone,

You are always at our side,

Our family chain is broken,

And nothing seems the same,

But as God calls us one by one,

The chain will link again,

Remembered with love,

Cathy, Oscar and Jennifer Ettinger

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In loving memory of our dear friend Bill (Wip) who passed away February 24, 1996.

Missing you, John & Tam.

Card of thanks

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With sincere appreciation to family and friends for their love and support during Sam's illness and recent passing.

Thank you for the many cards and for donations made in Sam's honour.

To the nurses and kitchen staff of Douglas Hospital, thank you for your care and concern.

And thank you, Father Dan, Henry

and Schell, thank you. With thanks also to

Father Uzzato, organist Sarah Cardwell, and the band, thank you.

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In memoriam



Gord Cowie Don Page

In memory of my son and my husband

Gord Cowie (February 26, 2009)

Don Page (February 16, 2010)

When my tomorrow starts without you,

We are not far apart,

Every time I think of you

You are right here in my heart.

Elizabeth

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In loving memory of Mark Rogala

who passed away February 18, 2011

Deep in our hearts

you are fondly remembered,

Sweet, happy memories

still live in our hearts,

True hearts that beat you

with deepest affection.

Always will love you in death the same.

Forever remembered and loved,

Mom, Dad, Debbie, Nichole and Mike

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The Fort Erie Peewee A travel team will continue competing in the quarterfinals with two games against Essex on Feb. 24 and 25.

Peewees advance to quarter finals

Fans are invited to travel to cheer on travel team during quarterfinal games on Kinsman ice at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

finals of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association during a game played last Saturday.

The peewee team has advanced to the quarterfinals and defeated Welland 2-0.

They will continue competing in the quarter finals on home ice with two games scheduled against Essex.

Fans and family are invited to cheer on the peewees as they play against Essex.

The peewees will play on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. and on Feb. 25 at 1:15 p.m.

Both games will be held on Kinsman Ice at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

In peewee action, of the Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey Association, the Peewee A travel is on a roll.

The travel team defeated Niagara Falls in the

Meteors defeat Buffalo with 8-3 victory at Leisureplex

Jr. B team headed to Buffalo for their next game on Tuesday.

the season and it slowed down, but it's starting to heat up again going into a time that counts."

Fort Erie had penalty trouble as well, taking 10 throughout the game.

Ingram took three of the penalties during the game.

Fort Erie Meteors head coach Clint Strachan said the team can't keep playing short-handed if they expect to win more games.

Despite being short-handed, the Meteors still came out on top during Saturday's game, Strachan added.

"We didn't play necessarily the game plan we wanted to, but we found a way to make it work and come out with the two points ... a win," Ingram said.

Fort Erie's best player during the game was Jordan Bailey.

He scored two goals, including the opening goal, and he had four assists, one of which set up the eventual game-winning goal.

Ingram said Bailey

played well during the game, but he didn't want to tell him.

"It was more my teammates around me. I wouldn't have the opportunities if they weren't getting open."

— Jordan Bailey

nice plays. His first goal was good and it got us started."

Bailey shrugged off the notion that he played well.

Instead, Bailey praised his team mates for the way they played on the ice.

Without the help of his team mates, Bailey says he couldn't have played as well as he did.

"It was more my teammates around me. I wouldn't have the opportunities if they weren't getting open," he said.

Fort Erie's next game is

Strachan said it's going to be another hard fought

game for the Meteors.

"We go into their barn and they're going to want

redemption. It's going to be a tough game but it's a must win for us."

**Matt Mcnevin
Special to the Times**

The Fort Erie Meteors were able to capitalize on the power play Saturday night to defeat the Buffalo Jr. Blues 8-3.

The Meteors, who had lost five straight games at home coming in, scored four power play goals on 11 chances in front of their fans at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

One of those power play goals was scored by defenseman Dallas Ingram.

"It [the power play] is starting to come around again," Ingram said.

"We had a great power play at the beginning of

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